



RESOLUTION

NAMING THE WAIMANALO BEACH PARK SOFTBALL FIELD IN HONOR OF JOE KAPULE, JR.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3)(A), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), states that in exceptional cases, a new or existing park, site or facility may be named for a deceased individual if the individual: (i) has a "significant association with the park, site, or facility"; and/or (ii) has "contributed significantly to the community or area in which the park is located"; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 22-9.5(f) authorizes the City Council ("Council") to "designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion thereof, or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth herein, by adoption of an appropriate resolution"; and

WHEREAS, when Joe Kapule, Jr., better known as "Coach Joe" or "Uncle Joe," passed away on March 11, 1999, he was a widely respected figure in the Waimanalo community, and his descendants include five children, 22 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Joe Kapule, Jr., underwent two tours of duty in Vietnam during the Operation Ranch Hand campaign between 1962 and 1975, when the U.S. government used the tactical herbicide "Agent Orange" and, like many other U.S. veterans who were exposed to "Agent Orange," suffered long-term ill-health effects, and he passed away when he was just 48 years old; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joe liked to call Waimanalo Beach Park his "Field of Dreams"; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joe played football in Waimanalo Beach Park in his younger years, and he had a dream of turning the park into a place where families could come to watch and participate in various sports leagues with their children; and

WHEREAS, at various points in his career, Uncle Joe was a football coach, a baseball coach for the Windward PONY team, and when his daughter became older, he coached and she played in a Koolau Bobby Sox softball league in Kailua; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joe wanted to bring the sport of softball to Waimanalo, so when he became president of the Koolau Bobby Sox, he brought league play to Waimanalo; and



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WHEREAS, to give the league a suitable place to play Coach Joe worked tirelessly every weekend --digging, weed whacking, and mowing -- to turn the Waimanalo Beach Park field into a play area that kids would be proud of, and coaches, families, and scouts could visit and enjoy, even convincing fellow parents and extended family members to help him achieve his vision; and

WHEREAS, he would prepare the field the night before each game and then hold a Hawaiian blessing the day of the game so that both teams and the field would be safe, taking special care to honor all the players' parents and grandparents in the blessing; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Uncle Joe was coach and mentor to hundreds of girls from all over Oahu, from Waimanalo to Ewa Beach to Wahiawa; and

WHEREAS, it was important to Coach Joe to foster school spirit and nurture college aspirations by having players wear their own high school jerseys, or college gear, to demonstrate that anyone can achieve college-level success with the right amount of hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Uncle Joe also coached as part of the American Softball Association, with which he took his players to the U.S. mainland so they could benefit from wider exposure; and

WHEREAS, he held softball tournaments at Waimanalo Beach Park so mainland leagues and schools would know how much talent Hawaii has; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joe remains widely respected for all the good he did for the girls he coached, the sport of softball, and the Waimanalo community at large; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that naming the Waimanalo Beach Park softball field for him is an appropriate way to honor the memory of Joe Kapule, Jr.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu, that the softball field at the Waimanalo Beach Park be named the Waimanalo Beach Park Joe Kapule, Jr., Field; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests and authorizes the City Administration to erect appropriate signage at the softball field at Waimanalo Beach Park to reflect this naming; and



CITY COUNCIL

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No. 20-42

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the family of Joe Kapule, Jr.

INTRODUCED BY:

[Signature]

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

FEB 13 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 02/13/20 By: IKAIKA ANDERSON

Committee: PARKS, COMMUNITY
SERVICES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

02/25/20	PARKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	CR-72 -- RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 3 AYES: ELEFANTE, KOBAYASHI, TSUNEYOSHI. 1 EXCUSED: PINE.
03/18/20	COUNCIL	CANCELLED AND NOT CONSIDERED.
05/20/20	COUNCIL	CR-72 AND RESOLUTION 20-42 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MENOR, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 1 ABSENT: MANAHAN.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER